

REMARKS

Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-33 and 35-42 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 7, 13, 18, 21, 26, 31-33, 37 and 39 are the independent claims.

Claim 37 has been amended. No new matter has been added.

Initially, Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indications that claims 1-32 and 39-42 are allowed and claims 35 and 37 recite patentable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the features of their respective base claims and any intervening claims. By the present Amendment, none of claims 1-32 and 39-42 has been amended. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-32 and 39-42 should remain allowed. Also, independent claim 35 has been maintained in dependent form because it is believed that its base claim (independent claim 33) patentably defines over the citations of record, for at least the reasons set forth below. However, by the present Amendment, Applicant has rewritten claim 37 in independent form to include all of the features of independent claim 33, there being no intervening claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 37 is now in condition for allowance.

Claims 33 and 38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,076,915 (Gast et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,390,698 (Yoshida et al.). All rejections are respectfully traversed. The Examiner has rejected claim 36 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gast et al. and Yoshida et al., in further view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/00709981 (Bloomberg). All rejections are respectfully traversed for at least the reasons set forth above.

Independent claim 33 recites, inter alia, when a trailing end of a print paper is determined to have escaped from a feed roller, moving the paper a first distance that a first distance is a percentage of a width of a printer head.

However, Applicant respectfully submits that neither Gast et al. nor Yoshida et al. teaches or suggests at least the aforementioned feature of independent claim 33. Thus, without conceding the propriety of the asserted combination, it is respectfully submitted that the asserted combination is likewise deficient.

The primary citation to Gast et al. relates to inkjet printhead calibration and discusses calibrating a most desirable paper advancement distance in which print media is advanced by a

media advancement distance. (Gast et al., Col. 9, Lines 41-42) However, claim 33 recites moving a print paper according to a width of a print head. Gast et al. is silent as to moving print media in relation to a width of a print head. Thus, Gast et al. does not meet the aforementioned feature of claim 33.

The secondary citation to Yoshida et al. relates to an apparatus and method of detecting a home position of a carriage and storage medium storing a home position detection program and is cited for various features of claim 38. Applicant respectfully submits that Yoshida et al. adds nothing that would remedy the aforementioned deficiency of the disclosure of Gast et al.

Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of independent claims 33 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 are respectfully requested.

Regarding the rejection of claim 36, Bloomberg relates to a single pass printing of text among interleaved printing of non-text material and is cited for its alleged teaching of the features of claim 36. Applicant respectfully submits that Bloomberg does not add anything that remedies the aforementioned deficiency of the combination of Gast et al. and Yoshida et al.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the independent claims patentably define the present invention over the citations of record. Further, the dependent claims should also be allowable for the same reasons as their respective base claims and further due to the additional features that they recite. Separate and individual consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes that the present Amendment is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner in the Official Action. However, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to such matters.


There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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